

Remarks

Claims 14 and 26 have been amended and claims 17, 18 and 27 have been canceled. Review and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

The Office action of July 2, 2004 indicates that claim 1-13 are allowed. The Office action also indicates that claims 18 and 27 include allowable subject matter. Accordingly, the subject matter of claim 18 (and intervening claim 17) have been included into claim 14, and claims 17 and 18 have been canceled. It is noted that claim 18 originally (and erroneously) depended from claim 16. However, upon a reading of the claim and to provide proper antecedent basis, it is clear that claim 18 was intended to depend from claim 17.

The subject matter of claim 27 has been incorporated into claim 26, and claim 27 has been canceled. Accordingly, it now appears that the application is in condition for allowance and notice thereof is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required, including the fee for an extension of time, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 20-0809. The applicant(s) hereby authorizes the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3) to treat any paper that is filed in this application which requires an extension of time as incorporating a request for such an extension.

Respectfully submitted,



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